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FOR: "SULFONATED CONDUCTING POLYMER-)
GRAFTED CARBON MATERIAL FOR FUEL)
CELL APPLICATIONS")

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith on the accompanying Form PTO 1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicant and/or his attorneys. A copy of each of these documents is enclosed.

In accordance with the provisions of M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(b)(3), Applicant would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner the existence of the co-pending patent application(s) identified below, which were filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office:

	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>	<u>Inventors</u>	<u>Attorney Docket No.</u>
1.	10/229,933	08/18/2002	Srinivas	03234.0002U2
2.	10/445,273	05/23/2003	Srinivas <i>et al.</i>	03234.0016U2
3.	10/445,090	05/23/2003	Srinivas	03234.0017U2
4.	10/786,651	02/25/2004	Srinivas	03234.0017U3

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5.	10/654,234	09/02/2003	Srinivas	03234.0021U1
6.	10/801,348	03/16/2004	Brown	03234.0024U1

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the above-referenced application specification(s), including the claims and drawings thereof, is enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is believed to be filed in a timely manner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), in that a first Office Action on the merits of the present patent application has not yet been mailed to Applicant.

Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

No fee is believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

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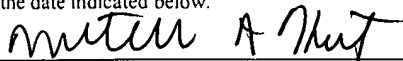


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	B3	US 6,494,946 B1	12/17/2002	Belmont <i>et al.</i>			
	B4	US 6,042,643	03/28/2000	Belmont <i>et al.</i>			
	B5	US 5,993,996	11/30/1999	Firsich			
	B6	US 5,976,233	11/02/1999	Osumi <i>et al.</i>			
	B7	US 5,928,419	07/27/1999	Uemura <i>et al.</i>			
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	B9	US 5,548,060	08/20/1996	Allcock <i>et al.</i>			
	B10	US 5,156,651	10/20/1992	Girardeau <i>et al.</i>			
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	B12	US 4,237,323	12/02/1980	Aliev <i>et al.</i>			
	B13	US 3,870,841	03/11/1975	Makowski <i>et al.</i>			
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NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Non-Patent Citations (include Author, Title, Publisher, Relevant Pages, Date and Place of Publication)	
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	B32 ✓	Tsubokawa, "Functionalization of Carbon Black by Surface Grafting of Polymers," <i>Prog. Polym. Sci.</i> , 17:417-470 (1992)	
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